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Dear Earl Russell,

Thank you for your kind letter of 18 October. I share your feeling regarding the gravity of the international situation. Since you wrote the Cuban situation has also contributed to an increase in tension.

In the circumstances I wish I could give an affirmative or encouraging reply to your enquiry regarding your addressing the General Assembly of the United Nations. Unfortunately, under the rules, only delegations of Member Governments can participate in the General Assembly debate. Apart from Member Governments, visiting Heads of State or Heads of Government may be invited to address it. I am so sorry that the rules do not permit any other personage, however eminent, to address the General Assembly. I hope you will understand my difficulty in this regard.

With warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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